

d'Auvergne Weekly Update 5.12.25



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

Christmas Events

As we move into one of the busiest periods on our calendar, a reminder of what's happening:

- Wednesday 10th at 2pm **Nursery and Reception** Singing (Main Hall)
- Thursday 11th at 1.30pm and 5.30pm **Year 3** Performance
- Monday 15th at 9.30am **Futures** Christmas
- Monday 15th at 5.30pm **everyone invited** to our Carols Around the Tree, supported by Waitrose. Wrap up!
- Tuesday 16th at 1.30pm and 5.30pm **Key Stage 1** Nativity
- Wednesday 17th at 6.00pm **Key Stage 2** Church Service (St. Mark's)
- Thursday 18th 1.30pm Achievers' Assembly (**Relevant parents have been informed**)
- Thursday 18th 2.45pm End of Term – **No After School Club**.

I do **expect full attendance** of all children at the evening events (however, the Carols Around the Tree is optional). The children have rehearsed hard and are reliant on each other – **everyone** has a part to play. If you have any potential difficulties with getting your child to the evening events, please let us know next week so we may resolve in advance.

The Key Stage 2 Carol Service on Wednesday 17th is a ticketed event, with details coming out early next week.

Thank you for your full support.

Coat hangers

If you have any spare child-sized coat hangers, please drop them to the School Office for our second-hand uniform, of which we have much available.

Hot Meals

Messages from the GoJ Catering Team:

If you need support with accessing or choosing hot school meals for your child, please let us know on schoolmeals@gov.je, we're here to help. For more information, dietary guidance, menus and how the meal booking system works, please visit the Hot School Meals website: [Hot School Meals in your School - Online Guide Autumn Term 2025](#)

We would like to invite you to attend one of our upcoming workshops, where you can help influence the future of Jersey's hot school meals service. Your perspectives and ideas will be greatly valued. To make these sessions as accessible as possible, we are offering four workshops across different locations and times. Please note that venues are simply host schools, so you are welcome to attend any session, even if your child does not attend that school.

A few venues have limited capacity, so please book your place through Eventbrite to secure a seat. Available workshop sessions:

- 06 December – Samares School – 10:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/help-shape-the-future-of-hot-school-meals-in-jersey-samares-school-tickets-1975797748252?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendee&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

- 08 December – Jersey Library – 10:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/help-shape-the-future-of-hot-school-meals-in-jersey-library-tickets-1975788930879?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendee&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

- 08 December – La Moye School – 18:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/help-shape-the-future-of-hot-school-meals-in-jersey-la-moye-school-tickets-1975797920768?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendee&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

- 09 December – Union Street Offices – 09:30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/help-shape-the-future-of-hot-school-meals-in-jersey-union-street-tickets-1975798176533?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendee&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

Kind regards,

School Meals Project Team

English as An Additional Language Lessons for Parents / Carers

We are delighted to share an exciting opportunity for parents in our wider community who speak English as an additional language. We have been offered **FREE** English lessons by *Lingo Language Learning*, led by experienced teacher Jo Gueno and her team of qualified staff. These lessons aim to help you build confidence in everyday English skills, such as:

- Talking to doctors, teachers, and shop assistants
- Applying for jobs
- Filling in forms
- Supporting your children with homework
- Making telephone calls
- Taking part in conversations

Free childcare will be available, provided by a fully DBS-checked staff member, and all learning resources will also be included at no cost.

Sessions will take place once a week for two hours in the evening at the Lingo Language classroom on St James' Street (next to St James' Church). The day of the week will be confirmed based on the availability of interested parents.

If you would like to take part, please email **Miss Emily Watson** at e.watson@janvrin.sch.je by **Friday 5th December**.

For more information, please feel free to visit their website: [Lingo Language Learning – English Language Instruction in Jersey | Lingo Language Learning](https://lingo-language-learning.com/English-Language-Instruction-in-Jersey/)

Flu Vaccinations for Children

Children who may have missed their annual nasal flu vaccination are invited to attend a catch-up clinic. The nasal flu vaccination is available for all children aged 2 years and above on 31 August 2025, up to and including those in school year 11. It is administered painlessly through the nose, making it quick and easy for children.

Clinic details

When: Saturday 6 December

Time: 8.30am to 12.30pm

Where: Outpatients Department at Jersey General Hospital

Booking is not required. Appointments for the child nasal flu vaccine can also be arranged with your GP surgery.

Vaccination helps reduce the spread of flu and keeps children healthier during the winter months, when colds and flu are more common. Protecting them now may mean fewer missed school days and a healthier start to the festive season.

For further information, please contact the Immunisation Team on +44 (0) 1534 443 741.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures

The festive season is upon us and with it, it's Deco Day! This week in Futures we have gotten fully into the swing of things with some **pine cones** and A LOT of glitter. Look out for our sparkling, blue and silver Christmas wreaths hanging in the school hallway.

Let's not forget the Christmas Fayre. With a few sensory adjustments and a little support, most children were able to access and enjoy the space. Also, look out for mince pies (hopefully) making it home.

Exciting news, on **Tuesday 16th December**, Futures will be making a trip to Tinto's - a vibrant soft play centre at The Waterfront in St. Helier, from 9am until 11am. D'Auvergne is subsidising the cost of the trip, but where possible we are asking parents/ guardians for a contribution of £3; this can be dropped to any member of the Futures team.

Finally, our friends at Healing Waves are hosting Bubble Rush! This amazing charity are very supportive and we are always happy to sing their praises!

They asked us to share:

"On Saturday 1st August 2026, Les Quennevais Sports Track will transform into a sparkling, foam-filled playground for the Channel Islands' very first Bubble Rush. Our Christmas Special tickets are now live via the link below: <https://race-nation.co.uk/register/healing-waves/bubble-rush>"

Happy weekend and kind regards,

Mrs Mason, Mr Williams and The Futures Team

Nursery

Another fun-filled week at d'Auvergne with Bonny the **Elf** (voted for by the children) making an appearance. The children are helping her to make good choices and enjoying trying to find her each morning.

As well as welcoming Bonny we have had all our parents now in to chat to myself or their Key Group teacher about the progress that has been made this term. It has been wonderful to over see these **conversations** and has given us as a team the chance to remember how far your lovely little learners have come. Kudos to you guys and as always thank you for working **WITH** us so fabulously this year.

With the holidays approaching I would like to remind you to come and watch our Nursery heroes **performing on Wednesday 10th December at 2pm**. We will be singing some songs in the hall and getting everybody in the festive mood. As soon as the performance has finished you are more than welcome to take your singer home. I will ask the children to all be in **d'Auvergne polo shirts (or packed in their bags)** on the big day along with anything Christmasy they choose to add. For example:

- Reindeer antlers
- Sparkly headbands
- Santa hats
- Tinsel bracelets

Well done everyone – have a wonderful wintery weekend and let's all look forward to a fabulous final couple of weeks.

Mr du Feu & Team

Reception

This week we have kicked off the festive season with an explosion of glitter and fun. Our deco day was a sparkling success! The children enjoyed threading stars, which was fantastic for developing fine motor skills and adding glitter and sparkles to create magical festive decorations. We can't wait to hang everything up and share our hard work with you all.

The classroom has been filled with singing as we continue to rehearse our songs for next week's performance. As a reminder, you are invited to watch our Christmas singing with Nursery on **Wednesday 10th December at 2pm**. Please can the children **wear full school uniform** (Sports Bug has now finished for the term), and we will add their tinsel headpiece. You are welcome to collect your child after the performance to take them home if you wish.

At home, we would be grateful if you could practise singing Away in a Manger (see lyrics below). Thank you—every little bit of practice helps!

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my side 'til morning is night*

This week the children have also been exploring how a tiny bean grows into a tall, healthy plant. We've talked about seeds, roots, shoots, leaves, and what plants need to grow. Every child planted their very own bean seed and we'll be watching them carefully over the next two weeks to see how they change and grow. The children are very excited to take on the role of gardeners, remembering to water their pots and check for new shoots. They will bring these home over Christmas and we would love to see photos of how tall they grow at home!

Upcoming dates:

- **Reception Party Day!** On **Wednesday 17th December**, children may come into school wearing something festive (a sparkly headband, a Christmas jumper, a festive dress). Children will have their lunch as normal, and we will hold Christmas games and activities throughout the day.

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to another wonderful week ahead—especially our big performance! Have a lovely weekend 😊

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Year 1

It has been a brilliant first week of December and even more busy in school than usual!

Deco day was a great day, where children created their decoration, created our Christmas Fair supplies and also had bikeability. Our Christmas jumper day was a huge success, and it was great to see the different styles and wonderful creations!

Our writing focus is about How the Grinch Stole Christmas, and we are practising sentences with full stops, capital letters and finger spaces – as well as using 'and' to extend our sentences. Children have been brilliant at practising their writing orally first before putting pencil to paper.

RWInc has paused for assessments this week and the children have done incredibly well – please keep supporting their learning at home as much as possible.

A reminder that we are sheep for the nativity and that we need to wear plain white tops and plain black trousers (just as in previous newsletter). We are now practising as much as possible to make the nativity a brilliant experience for everyone.

Maths has had a focus on numbers to 20 and shapes this week and will continue to build into next week. If you can help by identifying shapes around the home (in any language) or by helping to recognise numbers to 20, it would be greatly appreciated.

As always, if there are any concerns, please email.

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Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderfully festive week at school. The children have enjoyed making snowman Christmas tree ornaments to sell at the Christmas Fair. During Deco Day on Thursday, they created their own personalised snow globes, featuring themselves inside the globe playing in the snow. On Friday, in RE, the children also enjoyed making Christmas wreaths.

In Literacy this week, the children have been learning about simple sentences. These are sentences that contain a noun and a verb. For example: *Molly flew on her magic carpet*. They then looked at how they could extend their simple sentences into compound sentences. These join two simple sentences together and add more information using the words '**and**', '**or**' or '**but**'. For example: *Molly flew on her magic carpet and time-travelled to the Great Fire of London*. Finally, we looked at complex sentences, which use the words '**because**', '**if**', '**when**' or '**that**' to add more information. For example: *Molly would get burnt if she flew too close to the fire*.

In Maths, the children continued to focus on multiplication, learning all about the 10 times table. They have been practising counting in 10s in and out of order, making groups of 10, and creating their own word problems and puzzles for their peers to solve.

The children have also been working very hard on practising for their Nativity performance this week. It is sure to be a fantastic show. A ParentMail will be sent out shortly with more details regarding the evening performance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Aubert and Miss Crocker.

Year 3

Staff Absence at the end of the week – we shall send an update on Monday.

Year 4

In Maths, we continue to focus on multiplication. Please see attached this week's practise sheet.

We continue to enjoy our sessions with Mr Livesey, in the Makerspace. We are using all the knowledge around circuits to create a Christmas decoration.

In PSHE, we are working on Zones of Regulation. We are discussing expected and unexpected behaviours, what this could look like and how it makes us feel. Please see attached poster for you to discuss this with your child.

In PE we are enjoying our hockey session with Jamie. In Spring Term, Year 4 will begin swimming three times per week. More information to follow.

The Christmas Fayre was a great success, and the children were delighted to make Christmas Themed rice crispie cakes to sell on our Year 4 stall. Thank you for your support with this.

Date for the diary; Wednesday 17th December, Year 4-6 Christmas Carol Service at St Marks Church, details to follow.

Reminders

- PE days are **TUESDAY** and **FRIDAY**.
- Please ensure laptops come into school each day and are fully charged at home.
- Your child will need to be signed up to Year 4 Google Classroom, as we be using this platform to support learning. Logins are in planners.
- Please ensure your child reads as often as possible, and planners are signed. As mentioned in our Meet the Teacher, Bug Club, TTRockstars and Spelling Shed are also available as additional extras.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs AB & Mrs Hyde

Year 5

CHILDREN SHOULD BE SEEN AND NOT HEARD.

Or at least this was the atmosphere throughout our Victorian Week! Don't worry, we ensured them that our strict visage was merely acting (though, interestingly, the children wanted to wear the 'dunce' cap and receive the cane!). On Monday, we visited Merchant's House at the Weighbridge to explore Victorian Christmas traditions, the history of the Victorian building itself, and deep investigation on the clues which reveal the status of a Victorian property – its lavish columns, ornate stained-glass windows, decadent furnishings. Children used a quill and ink to write their Christmas cards, decorated a pomander decoration, and crafted their own Christmas cracker – complete with a snap! We have to give all this credit to Heritage Jersey who went above and beyond to plan our bespoke and immersive experience at the museum.

Tuesday was our full Victorian Day where we were greeted by Headmaster Cooper. We tried calligraphy, practised our arithmetic, and then the boys and girls were split. Boys were ordered to cut the lawn using scissors, exercise in the playground, and wash the horses and carriages (Mr Blake's car). The girls had a workshop to learn how to be a great Victorian housemaid, including sweeping the floors, polishing the silver, cleaning clothes, peeling potatoes and brushing clothes. The children played along well and explained how they felt like anything they did was not enough, even despite it all being an act.

Thursday's trip to the Market was joyful with our children singing Christmas Carols, exploring more of Victorian St Helier, and a sad story about the Matchstick Girl.

Friday saw us completing our Victoria Sponge cakes in the tins which were donated (thank you, parents), and finished off by selling our decorations at the Christmas Fayre.

It's been a *superb* week which we are privileged to have offered to the children and we truly hope the children enjoyed the experience and are happier knowing that the 2025 school experience is hugely different! Thanks to the 1870's Education Act and Children's Rights!

As a reminder, next week is our last swimming session of the year. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who have been so flexible and generous with their time to ensure your children were walked to and from school each week.

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Year 6

In Year 6 this week, we have continued working with Mr Livesey in the MakerSpace. The children have been putting the skills they have learned over the past few weeks into practice by making their own 'character', which has been programmed through their MicroBit / coding. We have also furthered our orienteering skills in PE by using 6-figure grid referencing to map out and locate 'missing' water bottles across the d'Auvergne site. In Maths, we are continuing with our new topic of fractions by using bar models to pictorially represent our ideas. Thursday was spent in 'Christmas mode' with Deco Day being a huge success and many snowflakes being used to decorate our Christmas Fair. Speaking of the fair, our Year 6 were great ambassadors for d'Auvergne, helping to run stalls and engage with the members of our community in a polite and respectful way. Well done Year 6!

A few gentle reminders:

- Our PE days are **Monday and Wednesday** this term. The children will have an Orienteering session on Monday with their class teacher and their regular PE slot with Rob on Wednesday.
- Laptops need to be brought in to school every day fully charged.
- We continuing to learn our Christmas performance poem and song. These are available on Google Classroom and physical copies will come out in due course. Please have a look at these with your child so that they become fluent.

Home Learning:

- Reading: Daily for 20 minutes.
- Arithmetic Practice daily for 10 minutes (Google Classroom for supportive videos).
- Daily Spelling practice
- Poem / song practice for Christmas performance.

Achievers

6G: The achiever in 6G this week is Keyla. This young person always has a smile on their face and will never shy down to a challenge. She has been incredibly helpful throughout the week, offering her assistance both in and out of the classroom. Specifically, during our big 'book clear out' she took it

by the scruff of the neck, showing great responsibility and maturity which is great to see. Well done, Keyla, keep up this great work!

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Myla. What a fantastic ambassador for our school this young lady is! I have had some glowing reviews from Mrs Huelin about how Myla represented our class at the school council networking meeting, with plenty of other schools in attendance. Myla is growing in confidence day-by-day and is using her oracy skills to promote her ideas in an articulate and professional way. Excellent job Myla, keep it up!